

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 remain pending in the present application.

In the Restriction Requirement of May 17, 2007, the Examiner required Applicants to elect, for examination, one of the species corresponding to Fig. 4 of Applicants' drawings, and the species corresponding to Fig. 5 of Applicants' drawings. The Examiner indicated that claims 1 and 2 were generic claims.

In response, Applicants submit that claims 1, 2, 7 and 14 read on the species corresponding to Fig. 4, and elect Fig. 4 and claims 1, 2, 7 and 14 for examination.

However, the election is made with traverse for at least the following reasons.

In the Restriction Requirement, the Examiner asserted that the identified species do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because they lack the same or corresponding special technical features. In this regard, the Examiner asserted that the special technical feature of Fig. 5 of an "inwardly projection portion" is not present in Fig. 4.

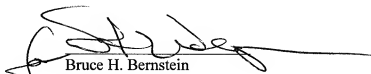
The Examiner has acknowledged that independent claims 1 and 2 are generic to the species of Fig. 4 and Fig. 5. Thus, Applicants submit that the species of Fig. 4 and Fig. 5 share the technical features recited in claims 1 and 2. As the Examiner has not established that the technical features recited in claims 1 and 2 do not define a contribution over the prior art, Applicants respectfully submit that the technical features recited in claims 1 and 2 are "special technical features", as defined in PCT Rule 13.2, which are common to Figs. 4 and 5.

For at least these reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that there is unity of invention between the species of Figs. 4 and 5, and respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the Restriction Requirement and examine all the claims in the application.

Nevertheless, in order to be fully responsive, Applicants have elected with traverse the species corresponding to Fig. 4, corresponding to claims 1, 2, 7 and 14, in the event that the Examiner chooses not to reconsider and withdraw the Restriction Requirement.

If there should be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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